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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: JANUARY 26 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

US AMB-DESIGNATE TO UN YOUNG TELLS SFRC THAT US MOVING TOWARDS ALLOWING VN JOIN UN. SFRC UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES YOUNG'S NOMINATION (REUTER WASHINGTON; OBERDORFER, WP). YOUNG SUGGESTS SECSTATE VANCE WILL REOPEN TALKS W/VN WITHIN 90 DAYS, AIMED AT EVENTUAL DIPL RECOGNITION. YOUNG QUOTES PRES THAT HAS NO OBJECTION TO MOVING TO "SOME KIND OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AND ADMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS" FOR VN IF MIA ISSUE CAN BE SATISFACTORILY HANDLED (OBERDORFER).

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2. INDONESIA

OIL PRODUCTION ROSE ABOUT 15 PCT LAST YR OVER PREVIOUS YR, NOW 1.5 MIL BBLS/DAY. PRODUCTION MAY BE CUT IF SAUDI ARABIA INCREASES SUPPLIES TO WORLD MKT (REUTER JAKARTA).

3. NEW ZEALAND

GONZ TIGHTENS IMMIGRATION LAWS. AMENDS STATUTES TO REFUSE ADMISSION/DEPORT LAWBREAKERS (CARTHEW, CSM).

4. HONG KONG

MFRS PRODUCE CLOTHING ALONG BROAD FASHION LINES, UPGRADE QUALITY, CULTIVATE DESIGNERS. EXPECT INCREASE EXPORTS TO US TO 1.2 BIL DOLS IN 1977, COMPARED TO 800 MIL DOLS IN 1976 (JOC).

5. CHINA

LESLIE (LAT 1/25) QUOTES PRC SPOKESMAN THAT REPORTS "UNFOUNDED" THAT TENG HSIAO-PING WOULD BE MADE 1ST VICE-CHMN CCP. ADDS DENIAL PUZZLES ANALYSTS WHO FOLLOW TWISTS IN 3-MOS MOVEMENT BRING TENG BACK FROM POL DISGRACE. BELIEVES DENIAL MAY MEAN PRO-/ANTI-TENG FACTIONS HAVE FORMED.

6. KOREA

VISITING MOSCOW, NK PREMIER PAK SUNG-CHUL CALLS FOR RE-UNIFICATION KOREAN PENINSULA, SAYS US SHOULD WITHDRAW "AGRRESSIVE TROOPS,"/ALL LETHAL WEAPONS, INCL NUKEs, FROM SK. KOSYGIN TOLD PAK SOVIETS BELIEVE IT NECESSARY WITHDRAW ALL FON TROOPS FROM SK (REUTER MOSCOW 1/25).

SK OPPOSITION LEADER LEE CHUL-SUNG CALLS ON ROKG TO LIFT 20-MONTH OLD EMERGENCY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE BANNING POL UNCLASSIFIED

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DISSENTION, ASKS REINSTATEMENT THOSE PUNISHED UNDER DE-CREE, INCL EX-PRES YUN PO-SUN, FORMER PRES CANDIDATE KIM DAE-JUNG (REUTER SEOUL).

AT 1/25 PRESS CONF, LA GOV EDWARDS DENIED FORMER AIDE'S ACCUSATIONS THAT HE RECEIVED 20,000 DOLS FROM TONGSUN PARK (LINCH, WP). SAME AIDE CLAIMED PARK GAVE 10,000 DOLS TO LA REP BREAUX, WHO ALSO DENIED CHARGE (LAT 1/25).

MOON CHURCH ORG, "KOREAN CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION," BARRED FROM SOLICITING CONTRIBTUIONS IN NY STATE. SOCIAL WELFARE BOARD SAID ONLY 7 PCT FUNDS COLLECTED IN '75 SPENT ON PURPOSES FOR WHICH SOLICITED (BLAU, NYT; ORESKES, NYDN; WP).

UK'S LONG-TERM TRADE PROSPECTS W/SK LOOK BRIGHT AS SEOUL SEEKING DIVERSIFY IMPORTS AWAY FROM JAPAN/US. EXHIBITORS REPORTED "OVERWHELMING RESPONSE" FROM S KOREAN BUYERS AT RECENT BRITISH INDUSTRIAL TOOL EXHIBIT (JOC).

IN UNEXPLAINED INCIDENT, US SOLDIER ARMED W/M-16 OPENED FIRE ON MEN IN HIS UNIT AT CAMP CASEY, NEAR SEOUL. ONE NCO KILLED/3 OTHER SOLDIERS WOUNDED (AP, WP).

7. JAPAN

CABINET OFFICE SAYS GOJ INTENDS INTRODUCE LEGISLATION SOON AS POSSIBLE EXTENDING JAPAN'S TERRITORIAL WATERS FROM 3 TO 12 MILES (REUTER).

AT CANADA'S INITIATIVE, JAPAN-CANADA OPENED TOKYO TALKS 1/26 TO REVISE CURRENT ATOMIC ENERGY BILATERAL AGREEMENT/INCLUDE STRICTER INSPECTION SYSTEM (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPAN STUDYING FRG PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY MINISTERIAL MTG INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS BEFORE THEIR ECON SUMMIT LATER UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS YR. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT PASSED PROPOSAL TO FUKUDA THRU DIPLO CHANNELS (REUTER TOKYO).

FORMER PM TANAKA GOES ON TRIAL 1/27, ACCUSED OF TAKING 1.6-MIL-DOL BRIBE FROM LOCKHEED. IF FOUND GUILTY, COULD FACE 5 YRS IN PRISON/FORFEITURE ALLEGED BRIBE MONEY (KERR, REUTER).

MITI ESTIMATES JAPAN'S '76 TRADE SURPLUS W/US AT 5.23 BIL DOLS, W/EC AT 3.98 BIL DOLS (LAT 1/25).

FRG'S ECON MINISTRY PUTTING FINAL TOUCHES ON MEMO TO EC, WHICH SAYS THAT RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE IMPORTS CANNOT SOLVE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES; BELIEVES EXPANSION OF EXPORTS TO JAPAN ONLY SOLUTION (LUKOMSKI, JOC).

GOJ APPROVES PLANS FOR EXTENSION GOVT LOANS PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION 50,000 NEW PVT HOMES BEFORE 3/77 (JOC).

EXPORT LETTERS OF CREDIT ROSE LAST MONTH TO RECORD HIGH 4.67 BIL DOLS; 12.6 PCT HIGHER THAN YR AGO (UPI, JOC).

FINANCE MINISTRY SAYS GOJ MUST FLOAT BONDS WORTH 13.96 BIL DOLS TO COVER REVENUE DEFICIT DURING FY'77 --LARGEST AMT IN JAPAN'S HISTORY (UPI, JOC).

WORLD HEALTH ORG SAYS JAPANESE RESEARCHER HIRUMI, WORKING IN AFRICAN LAB, HAS TAKEN MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN BATTLE AGAINST SLEEPING SICKNESS (ALTMAN, NYT).

8. GENERAL

FLOW ILLICIT DRUGS FROM SEA TO US/OTHER COUNTRIES HAS
"INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY" DESPITE IMPOSITION DEATH PENALTY
FOR TRAFFICKERS BY COUNTRIES IN REGION (UPI, NYT).

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YATES (CHITRIB 1/24) REPORTS PAYOFFS STILL KEY TO DOING
BUSINESS IN ASIA DESPITE ALLEGED CRACKDOWNS ON OFFICIAL
CORRUPTION IN PHILS/SK/INDONESIA/THAILAND/OTHER COUNTRIES.
QUOTES BUSINESSMAN THAT CORRUPT OFFICIALS IN SEVERAL
COUNTRIES "INSPIRED" BY SIZE ALLEGED LOCKHEED BRIBES IN
JAPAN; GERMAN/JAPANESE COMPETITORS "HAPPY" AT ANTI-BRIBE
ACTION IN US CONGRESS SINCE WILL "LEAVE DOOR OPEN A LITTLE
WIDER" FOR THEM IF US FIRMS CAN'T MAKE PAYOFFS.

PRES NOMINATES ELLIOT RICHARDSON TO BE SPECIAL REP FOR
LOS CONF (PATTERSON, GLOBE).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. JAPAN

LAT (1/25) COMMENTS ON MONDALE TRIP. SAYS "COORDINATED
STRENGTH" IN AMER/W EUR/JAPAN ESSENTIAL TO INTL SECURITY/
"ECONOMIC VITALITY" OF WORLD, "AS IT MAY NOW BE REVIVED."

10. THAILAND

MORITZ (CSM) REVIEWS INSURGENCIES STRUGGLE IN S THAILAND;
OPINES DESPITE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO JOINT CAMPAIGNS W/
MALAYSIA, POLICY STILL PASSIVE TO CONTAIN RATHER THAN
SUPPRESS INSURGENCIES. QUOTES OBSERVERS THAT SITUATION
SLOWLY/STEADILY WORSENING.

REUTER (BETONG) TELLS OF LONE RC PRIEST WHO TRIES CONVERT
MAINLY BUDDHIST POPULATION IN COMMUNIST GUERRILLA STRONG-
HOLD.

11. CHINA

MUNRO (CSM) REPORTS TENG'S FUTURE HAS BECOME ALMOST
OBSESSIVE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION/SPECULATION AMONG JOURNA-
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LISTS/DIPLOMATS. SAYS MANY CHINESE WANT TENG RESUME

CONTROL OVER DRIFTING BUREAUCRACY, BUT EVIDENCE IN "OTHER DIRECTION" ALSO RECOGNIZED. QUOTES SOME OBSERVERS THAT HUA MAY BE TRYING BLOCK RETURN TO POST IN WHICH TENG WOULD APPEAR TO BE RUNNING THINGS.

12. GENERAL

IN VIEW VANCE VS HAK STYLE, CSM'S SOUTHERLAND QUOTES DOS OFFICIAL'S OPINION THAT COLLEAGUES WILL HAVE MORE SAY IN DECISIONS. SAYS MANY CAREER OFFICERS BELIEVE SHOCK TO JAPAN CAUSED BY CHINA OPENING MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED HAD BUREAUCRACY BEEN CUT IN/ALLOWED DISCREETLY GIVE JAPAN

ADVANCE WARNING. ADDS "SIMPLISTIC" STRESS BY PRES ON HUMAN RTS IN FOPOLICY WORRIES SOME CAREER OFFICERS.

CSM CARRIED EDITORIAL RESEARCH REPORT ARTICLE ON HAK STAMP ON US POLICY. CONCLUDES PRES PLANS FOLLOW BROAD OUTLINES OF GOALS. MENTIONS NEW ADMIN INTENDS PAY CLOSER ATTN TO TRADITIONAL ALLIES, INCL JAPAN, SHOW GREATER CONCERN CONCERNING HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS. SAYS MANY ANALYSTS CONVINCED BIG INTL PROBLEMS ARE ECONOMIC RATHER THAN MIL/POL. OPINES COPING W/ THESE CALLS FOR DIFFERENT/LESS DRAMATIC POLICIES THAN HAK PURSUED IN OVERTURES TO USSR/PRC, SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IN ME.

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